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Former Students Association Meets Here Saturday

George Wald Signed to Appear Friday At Coast Ball With Private Parties Later

George Wald and his orchestra will play for the Coast Artillery Ball tomorrow night in Sbsia hall from ten until two. After signing contracts with several other bands only to have them change their routes so that they would not be in College Station, the regiment finally changed the date of the ball so that they would have more time to look for a good band. At various times it was thought that Al Donahue, Bobby Byrne, and Claude Thornhill would play. After much deliberation and shopping around via the telegraph, the Coast Artillery was able to secure Wald's group for the two week-end dances.

Decorations for this year's ball are under the supervision of P. T. Crown, H CAC, and Jake Billingsley, E CAC. The theme of the decorations is to be along military lines with coast artillery anti-aircraft defense predominating. If possible an airplane will be secured and decorated as an enemy plane which has been shot down.

The committee in charge of the ball consists of the following men: Ed Monteith, H Battery, chairman; favors and programs, H. R. Bright, D Battery and R. L. Rix, E Battery; finance, Henry King, B Battery; P. R. Mallory, G Battery, F. C. Litterst, A Battery, S. R. Baen, C. Battery, H. R. Bright, D Battery, M. M. Jenkins, E Battery, Ralph Eads, F Battery, and Ed Monteith, H Battery.

Following the ball Friday night, there will be two private parties, one for the seniors at Franklin's and another for the juniors in Bryan.

Dates of the Coast Artillerymen will have the use of the first six ramps of Law hall. Reservations may be turned in at the command-

George Wald



ant's office beginning this morning. Troop B and Hq. will vacate sometime Friday afternoon so that the girls may move into the halls. Everyone attending the dance

will wear the number one uniform, the dance committee stated. The dance committee is made up of J. B. Stewart, C CAC, and C. C. Carlisle, E CAC.

Effective Sunday At Midnight A & M Will Use Old Time

No Change in Timepieces Nine a.m. Classes Begin At Eight as Before Change

Effective at midnight Sunday, all divisions of college will begin their schedules one hour earlier, according to an announcement by F. C. Bolton, dean of the college. In making this change A. & M. will resume the time calendar which was in use before the war time plan was inaugurated.

All classes will begin at 8 a. m. and last until 5 p. m. The noon hour will be from 12 noon until 1 p. m., and all schedules of college departments will revert to "old time." The new program will remain in effect until midnight, September 27, 1942, when the present system will again come into use.

Aggies will not have to worry about changing watches, as no readjustment of timepieces is necessary to accomplish the change. The college is merely coordinating its time schedule with the time which has been in effect everywhere else since the switch to war time. First call will sound at 6:15 Monday morning, breakfast formation will be at 7:05, first period classes will begin at 8, and so on to taps at 11 p. m.

Students who go to bed at their accustomed time Sunday night will lose an hour of sleep, which will be the only real difference. The change will be welcomed by most Aggies, who have disliked being out of step with the rest of the nation, especially by hitch-hikers who have lost an hour of traveling time under the present plan.

War Affects Grades Little, Heaton Says

Nine of every 100 students are on the dean's team.

Acting Registrar H. L. Heaton said, "It's pleasing to note that the students seem to be holding their own in spite of the many discouraging things in front of them."

Mid-semester reports show that there are a total of 573 students out of 5,163 on the deficient list. Half that figure, 303, are Engineers. Ag students are second on the list with 162, while Arts and Sciences and Veterinary Medicine students numbered 86 and 22 respectively.

Seven of the transfers were from the infantry, one was from the field artillery, four from the engineers, and five from the coast artillery.

This number filled the quota allowed of 50 seniors and 50 juniors transferred to the ordnance unit.

All cadets who have been transferred and assigned to the Tuesday afternoon class will meet the class at 2 o'clock this afternoon in room 108 Academic building. Instruction will get under way at this time. The text to be used for the present will be the ordnance field manual.

No ordnance officer has been assigned to the college yet as the instructor for the unit, Lt. Alexander stated.

R J Abbaticchio Jr To Speak to Eco Club

At the regular meeting of the Economics Club this Thursday evening, R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be the guest speaker. Abbaticchio is the special agent in charge of the Houston office of the F.B.I., and his speech will be on some special phase of the work done by that office.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the Chemistry lecture room with the public cordially invited to attend.

Hal Collins Class '12 Presents Crazy Radio Gang Here Friday Noon

Hal Collins and his Crazy Radio Gang will be at A. & M. for the Ex-Students Reunion to be held April 11 and 12. Friday, April 10, the Crazy Radio Gang will broadcast from WTAW from 12:45 to 1 P. M. If the weather permits, the program will be broadcast from the yell practice stand by Goodwin Hall, otherwise it will be broadcast from Guion Hall.

Two minutes of the program will be devoted to information about the college and the Ex-Students Reunion. Collins was an Agriculture student of the Class of 1912.

A&M's Engineering Training Program Is Largest in US

Functions With Almost 200 Instructors Teaching 3,270 At Points All Over State

A. & M.'s expanding Engineering, Science and Management Defense Training program is among the largest in America.

With almost 200 instructors teaching 3,270 off-campus Texans in 19 different cities, A. & M.'s program has grown in less than a year from a handful of courses on the campus to 72 courses throughout the state.

Instructors are men with classroom experience drawn directly from industry. They are men of extensive practical background in whatever field of technical training they are called to teach.

Depending on subject matter courses are given two nights a week over periods of from six to 16 weeks. Each class lasts two or three hours and the trainees receive certificates indicating completion.

Evidence of the vast growth of the cooperative work of the U. S. Office of Education and A. & M. College lies in comparing the 428 enrollment for the 1940-41 fiscal year and the current 3270. During the current year 843 certificates have been issued.

"Our off-the-campus student body of men and women is growing by leaps and bounds," J. T. L. McNew, A. & M.'s institutional representative, said, "and ours is

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Rising Band Fixes Signature;

Wald's Orchestra Signed by Coast After Many Larger Name Band Signing Attempts

"Trials and Tribulations" have certainly been the theme song of Ed Monteith, H C.A.C., the junior in charge of securing an orchestra for the Coast Artillery Ball. Orchestra after orchestra, contract after contract, everything has blown up in his face despite his efforts to secure a name band for the Ball.

Starting from the first headache, Al Donahue was the orchestra to be signed up. The contract had been signed and the 50 percent down payment had been made, then on January 19, the contract had to be broken as Donahue had accepted an engagement on the Coast. Monteith then went through other possibilities, then there was plenty of time for this, and Bobby Byrne was signed up. On February 17 this contract had to be forgotten as Byrne postponed all engagements due to illness in the family.

More orchestras were wired as to the possibilities of their appearances, among these were Claude

Thornhill, Sonny Dunham, Herbie Kay, Ted Weems and others. Claude Thornhill was then scheduled to play for the Ball. Monteith was breathing easier now but, then, on March 11, Thornhill was heard from and another engagement was broken, as picture commitments and Eastern bookings prevented him from making the trip.

As the time for the Ball was rapidly approaching and as no or-

Non Contract Graduating Seniors Not In Military Science Can Get Commission

All graduating seniors who do not hold advance contracts and are not enrolled in military science now have the opportunity to be appointed to the candidates class of the Marine Corps and eventually receive a commission as a second lieutenant, according to word received by the Placement Bureau from the Marine recruiting office

Golden Jubilee Class '92 Attend by Four Ex-Students

Beesley, Sauvignet, Altgelt, Ratchford Expected to Make Reunion of 1892 Class

Annual Reunion and spring meeting of the Association of Former Students will be held here Saturday, April 11 and 12, with reunions of the classes of 1892, 1897, 1902, 1907, 1912, 1917 and 1922 scheduled. Class reunions of '27 and '32 have been called off because of the war.

The Golden anniversary of the class of 1892 is to be celebrated. Four members of that class are expected to attend. W. S. Beesley of Dallas, Dr. E. H. Sauvignet of Laredo, and E. J. Altgelt and W. P. Ratchford of San Antonio.

Registration Saturday

Plans provide a gala week-end of activities for the ex-students who will attend the reunions. Registration will take place upon arrival at the college Saturday, and a track meet and baseball game will provide the afternoon's entertainment. Class parties will be given Saturday evening.

Sunday morning the annual meeting of the Association is to take place in the YMCA chapel, with election of officers and reports of committee meetings held Saturday night.

Sunday luncheon will be a feature of the reunion, with all former students and the college faculty in attendance and the 1942 Senior Class the invited guests. The Singing Cadets will provide entertainment.

To Stay In Newest Dorms

Perhaps the most interesting sidelight of the meeting is the fact that the ex-students will stay in one of the newly-completed dormitories, and will be the first to occupy it.

World War II has had much effect on graduates of A. & M. Of the 11,000 living graduates, more than one-half are on active duty with the armed forces of the United States. Because of this, reunion of the classes of 1927 and 1932 had to be cancelled.

English Contest To Be Held April 30

English Contest examination will be held this year in the Library classroom at 8 p. m., April 30, Dr. George Summey, head of the English dept. announced today. The exam will include a vocabulary test, a short theme, and questions on the course the student is now taking. Further information concerning the contests will be posted in the Academic building by April 15.

Early Vote Shows Ernest Langford Elected as Mayor

Lipscomb, Orr, Munson And Burns Also Receive Offices As Spring Election Closed

Unofficial results in the general election for the City of College Station held yesterday have been made public. Those men elected are as follows: Ernest Langford, mayor; S. A. Lipscomb, city secretary; J. A. Orr, councilman Ward 1; T. A. Munson and P. W. Burns, councilmen Ward 2; Lloyd Smith and W. D. Lloyd, councilmen Ward 3. G. B. Wilcox, councilman from Ward 1, was incumbent and therefore election of only one other councilman from that ward was necessary.

These results are unofficial. The regular meeting of the City Council will be held Thursday night, April 16, but a special session will be called Monday, April 13 to canvass the votes and swear in the officers elected. No regular business will be transacted at this special meeting.

Annual Slide Rule Contest Announced

The M. E. Department has announced the place for this year's Slide Rule Contest as Room 303, M. E. Building, and the time as April 18 at 2:30 p. m. The contest is open to Engineering students with no college work prior to June 1, 1941, and having grades of "A" or "B" in M. E. 101.

The material covered in this contest will be on the functions of the slide rule and the prizes offered by the M. E. Department will be two Log Log Decitrig slide

60,000,000 Year Old Log New Museum Fossil Group Addition

By John May
A fossil log 60,000,000 years old was recently discovered in Alba, Texas and has been brought to the Museum. The log is now going

through a process of shellacking and varnishing which will preserve the soft material but it will soon be put on display.

About two weeks ago Fredrick Blount, owner of the Consumer's Lignite Company, notified the Museum that two large fossil logs had been encountered in the excavation of their mine. The logs were actually discovered by Edmund Strange, a miner. They were discovered almost at the cost of life as one of the logs was in the roof of the room in which he was loading lignite. An explosive charge, set off in the face of the room to dislodge the fuel, caused the entire roof to fall in, burying the tools and equipment under tons of slate.

The logs were 45 feet underground and about 750 feet back into the mine. The lignite, similar to coal, is mined in rooms and the two logs were in adjoining rooms. The position of one of the logs in the ceiling caused it to fall. The larger log was some 4 feet in diameter at the base and about 14 feet of it had been exposed by the blast.

Last week Dr. S. S. Goldich of the Geology department and C. J. Hesse of the Museum drove to the mine to collect the specimens and to photograph the specimens and their surroundings. The largest log had to be left, as it was much too heavy to bring back to the college but the smaller log, which had caused the roof to collapse, was brought back.

Fossil logs are not uncommon in Texas but they are usually badly shattered. These specimens are well preserved and are therefore more unusual.

Amateur Photography Contest Sponsored by Campus Study Group

An amateur photography contest has been announced by the Campus Study club to promote the interest in photography on the campus. The contest will be sponsored by the Campus Study club and will be judged by Howard Berry, college photographer. Prizes will be offered by local merchants who sell photographic equipment, and will consist of photographic enlargements and equipment.

This contest is open only to amateurs and the pictures should be entered in the names of the persons who took the pictures. The Study Club announces that all entries will be handled carefully and may be delivered to Mrs. G. K. Schoepfle at 206 Suffolk Ave. or left with Dr. Schoepfle in the Physics building.

Maintenance Due

Today is the last day that maintenance may be paid by students without penalty. The total amount due at this time is \$34.75 and will cover board, room and laundry till May 16 and the end of the term.